



VOSH PROGRAM DIRECTIVE: 02-218

ISSUED: September 1, 1994

SUBJECT: Awareness Barriers Installed on Metal Cutting Shears

A. Purpose.

This directive transmits to field personnel guidance for applying awareness barrier safeguards as installed on metal cutting shears.

This Program Directive is an internal guideline, not a statutory or regulatory rule, and is intended to provide instructions to VOSH personnel regarding internal operation of the Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Program and is solely for the benefit of the program. This document is not subject to the Virginia Register Act or the Administrative Process Act; it does not have general application and is not being enforced as having the force of law.

B. Scope.

This directive applies to all VOSH personnel and specifically to Occupational Safety Enforcement and Consultation Services personnel.

C. References.

OSHA Instruction STD 1-12.25A (July 12, 1994)

VOSH Standards for General Industry, §1910.212(a)(3)(ii)

ANSI B11.4-1983, American National Standard for Machine Tools, Shears--Safety Requirements for Construction, Care, and Use

D. Cancellation.

Not Applicable.

E. Action.

Directors and Supervisors shall assure that field personnel and employers are knowledgeable of the applied awareness barrier safeguarding for metal cutting shears discussed in this directive.

F. Effective Date.

September 1, 1994

G. Expiration Date.

Not Applicable.

H. Summary.

VOSH compliance officers shall accept properly applied awareness barrier safeguarding specified by ANSI B11.4-1993, Sections 6.3.3 through 6.4 (which include references to ANSI B11.19-1990, paragraphs 4.2.1, 4.3, 4.4.3.3 and Section 5 for safeguarding methods), as an acceptable form of point of operation safeguarding on metal cutting shears for situations in which it is impossible to employ a fixed guard or point of operation device due to the diversity of operations on the shear (where it is not possible to conform with the guidelines of Table 1, Column B, of ANSI B11.4-1993).

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Attachments: None.

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